



ILLINOIS *Mayflower* NEWS

WINTER 2019

Governor General to speak at luncheon

We are pleased to announce that George Garmany, the Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, will be the featured speaker at our Spring Luncheon on May 18, 2019.

Dr. George P. Garmany, Jr., from Boulder, Colorado, was elected to serve as Governor General of the GSMD in 2017. He has been a member of the Colorado Society since 1994, serving in multiple offices there, including two terms as Governor. For three years he has chaired the GSMD "2020 Committee" and will share details of the upcoming celebrations to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.

George earned both his BA and MD degrees at the University of Virginia and has practiced Neurology in Boulder for thirty-eight years.

George's wife, Beverly, is a member of the Arapahoe Chapter of the DAR in Boulder, and George also belongs to



George Garmany (*on left*) with Mayflower Guard Jim Battles and Maryland Governor Timothy Mallory at GBOA 2018.

the Society of the Cincinnati, the nation's oldest patriotic organization, in the state of Connecticut. They both share a deep love of American history.

We hope to see you at this special event on **Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Union League Club of Chicago.**

Invitations will be mailed in April. All Mayflower Society Members, applicants and guests are welcome to attend.



Illinois Governor
John Schellinger

Illinois Governor's Message

Dear Members:

The 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's landing is just around the corner. The California Society is preparing an entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2020. The General Society has events in the works as well (*see page 13*).

The Illinois Society has formed a 2020 Committee to find an appropriate commemoration of this milestone. If you have an interest in participating, please contact any member of the Board of Assistants.

It is also an excellent time to encourage

other family members who are not yet members to begin the process. Our Membership Secretary and Co-Historians are ready to help.

Please let us know your preference for a membership directory. It is being prepared as this goes to press. An electronic version will be available.

I welcome your input. If you would like to serve on the Board of Assistants – or have ideas for events, projects or anything at all, please contact me or any other Board member (*see list on page 12*).

Sincerely – John Schellinger, Governor

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Fall Luncheon

and ANNUAL MEETING



New member Steven Harder with Sharon Harder and Carolyn Moore. Carolyn's late husband was Former Governor Ralph Moore.



Judy Mayo with Larry Leiper and Mary Parker Leiper. Judy and Mary recently explored their roots in France.



Carolyn Pribble, Sally Krigbaum and Sylvia Brewer are retiring from the Board. We will miss you, ladies.

Bloomington hosts autumn gathering

By **Mary Morony**, *Recording Secretary*

The Annual Meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois was held on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at the Bloomington Country Club in Bloomington, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by Governor John Schellinger at 11:45 a.m. Jane Schleinzer gave the invocation, John Schellinger led the pledge of allegiance and then read the *Mayflower Compact*. Don Sherman read the Necrology. John also made reference to the recent passing of former Captain Bob Anstine.

Jane Schleinzer described the current fund-raising project for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and suggested that members could contribute to the \$3,000,000 endowment fund by sending checks payable to GSMD to the Treasurer Jessica Schleinzer. Mary Gardner presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Motion passed to approve the report.

Member Irene Trovato, who is currently residing in California and could not attend, made a Mayflower-themed quilt which was presented to the Illinois Society by her great aunt, Marie Brands Collinson.

New members to the Illinois Society were asked to come forward for an installation ceremony performed by Past Governor Jane Schleinzer and Governor John Schellinger. Jane Schleinzer gave the table blessing prior to a delicious lunch. Following the meal, a motion was passed to elect officers.



This beautiful quilt was made by Irene Trovato and displayed here by her cousin, Kimberly Collinson Grothaus, and great aunt, Marie Brands Collinson, who presented it to our Society.

John Schellinger and Les Lipschutz explained the procedure for the Mayflower Ancestor Family Photo session to be held at the close of the meeting and the 2:00 tour of the David Davis Mansion.

All are invited to attend our next meeting on May 18, 2019 at the Union League Club in Chicago. The speaker will be Governor General George Garmany.

There being no further business, Jane Schleinzer gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



The Bloomington Country Club provided a warm setting on a gloomy day for the 75 members, applicants and guests.



Don Sherman with applicant Bill Elliot and his wife Chris Elliot. They traveled the farthest to attend – from their home in Brisbane, Australia. Although Bill was born in Australia, his family roots are in Rockford.



Eric Parsons, Joan Hoffmann and Janet Northup with applicant William Parsons (*far right*).



Abbie Brogga and Mike Brogga at the luncheon.



Cary Stone-Greenstein, Marge Piersen and Karen Seda at the David Davis Mansion.



New members are officially installed into the Illinois Society at the Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting. We welcomed eight new members in 2018. A candle is lit for each new member and all the candles are lit to remember our ancestors.



New members: *Front (from left):* Cynthia Houchin, Monica Gibbons, Linda Walker, Thomas Skinner, David Magdziarz. *Back:* Governor John Schellinger, Historian Cary Stone-Greenstein, Steven Harder, Dr. Thomas Drew, Brian Sweeney and Former Governor, Jane Schleinzer.



Marti and John Kemp at the David Davis Mansion. Friendly docents shared details of the home and family during our two tours.



Les Lipshutz and his family in front of the tree. The home was just starting to be decorated for Christmas.



A portrait of Abraham Lincoln graces the fireplace in the elegant dining room. The plaque above him reads, "With Malice toward none, With Charity for All." David Davis and his wife, Sarah Woodruff Walker Davis, wrote several thousand letters to friends, family, acquaintances, and most especially to one another. Many are available to read online.

The David Davis Mansion stands as an impressive reminder of the important role that Illinois played in America's history during the nineteenth century. The elegant Victorian home tells the story of the generation of men and women that created an orderly society out of a chaotic frontier world and then led the United States through the Civil War and early years of Reconstruction. This generation, which included David Davis, Sarah Davis and Abraham Lincoln, based its leadership upon a set of rules and values that might be called genteel. The David Davis Mansion embodies and reflects those refined values.

– From their website, daviddavismansion.org



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Ancestor FAMILY PHOTOS

Ancestor Family Photos are taken every year at our Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting. As you can see, some members are part of more than one “family.” Have you looked into your heritage for another Mayflower ancestor? Junior members are also welcome to join our family album.



John Allerton: Cary Stone-Greenstein with Steven Harder and Dean Haas in back. **John Alden:** Karen Seda, Mary Kieffer and Mary Dammann with Thomas Skinner and Eva Blanco in back. **John Billington:** Linda Walker.



William Brewster: Joan Schacht and Judy Mayo with Monica Gibbons in back. **James Chilton:** Jane Schleinzer and Jessica Schleinzer with Brian White in back. **William Bradford:** Eva Blanco and Dr. Thomas Dow. Brian White is also a Bradford descendant.

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Ancestor FAMILY PHOTOS



Francis Cooke: Macey and Sylva Dachman, Jane Schleinzer and Jessica Schleinzer in front with Arielle Dachman, Les Lipschutz, Dean Haas, Brian Sweeney, Ann Wilkerson and Marian Elson in back.
Edward Doty: Sylvia Brewer.

Twenty-six families of Mayflower passengers are known to have left descendants. Today there are about 35 million descendants worldwide. About 30,000 are active members of the Mayflower Society. About 50% of new members joined through Alden, Bradford, Brewster, Hopkins or Howland.



Edward Fuller: John Kemp.
Francis Eaton: Joan Schacht.
Stephen Hopkins: Marian Elson (*center*) and Jo Ellen Gordon in front with Tony Soper, Chris Foster and Dean Haas in back.



John Howland: Sally Krigbaum, Cynthia Houchin, Cary Stone-Greenstein and Johnnie Osborn in front with Carolyn Pribble, Michele Clifton, John Schellinger and Marge Piersen in back.

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Ancestor FAMILY PHOTOS



Miles Standish: Eva Blanco. **George Soule:** Mike Brogga. **Priscilla Mullins:** Judith Rohlf. **Degory Priest:** Mary Morony with Jan Harrington in back. **Thomas Rogers:** Mary Gardner with Tony Soper.



William White: David Magdziarz. **John Tilley:** Cary Stone-Greenstein with Tony Soper in back. **Richard Warren:** Kathy Haas, Johnnie Osborn and Larry Leiper in front, with Les Lipschutz, Brian White and Ann Wilkerson in back, plus Macey and Sylva Dachman sitting in front. Ann Wilkerson is also a William White descendant.

Pilgrim Trades

The occupations and skills of our ancestors were not always recorded as they set out for the new world. Trades of 32 men are known and listed below. Women might be recognized as 'housewife' or 'mother' even though they wore many hats, to be sure.

- John Alden • Cooper
- Isaac Allerton • Tailor
- John Allerton • Seaman
- William Bradford • Fustian Weaver
- William Brewster • Printer & Teacher
- William Button • Servant
- Robert Carver • Servant
- James Chilton • Tailor
- Francis Cooke • Woolcomber
- Francis Eaton • Carpenter
- John Ellis • Sailor
- Thomas English • Sailor
- Moses Fletcher • Blacksmith
- Samuel Fuller • Physician & Surgeon
- Richard Gardiner • Sailor
- John Goodman • Linen Weaver
- William Holbeck • Servant
- John Hooke • Servant
- Stephen Hopkins • Tanner
- John Howland • Salter
- Edward Leister • Servant
- William Mullins • Cordwainer
- Degory Priest • Hatter
- Thomas Rogers • Camlet Maker
- Henry Samson • Planter
- Myles Standish • Soldier
- John Tilly • Silkworker
- Thomas Tinker • Sawyer
- William Trevor • Sailor
- Richard Warren • Merchant
- William White • Woolcarder
- John Winslow • Printer

Welcome our NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following who have been accepted into the Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois (August 2018 - January 2019).

Descendants of **JOHN ALDEN**

Carole Jean Christensen Bass, Evanston
Geneve Louise Brink Harris, Rockford
Brett Andrew Herand, Glen Ellyn
Thomas Lindsey Skinner, Collinsville

Descendants of **WILLIAM BRADFORD**

Susan Elizabeth Flanagan, Poplar Grove
Barbara Ann McKean, Springfield
Karen Sue Rice Schofield, Westmont

Descendants of **WILLIAM BREWSTER**

Monica Frances Harder Gibbons, Cary
Shawn Michael Hearn, Fairview Heights

Descendant of **FRANCIS COOKE**

Winifred Marie Finch Barbato, Woodridge

Descendants of **EDWARD DOTY**

Patricia Marie Doty Dunn, Hinsdale
Kay Louise Werthwein Irving, Genoa
Bonnie Lou Richards Wisner, Chicago
Eric Wolfgang Wisner, Arlington Heights

Descendant of **EDWARD FULLER**

Kenneth Blake Hallman, Arlington Heights

Descendant of **STEPHEN HOPKINS**

Janice Claire White Huskisson, Elmhurst

Descendant of **JOHN HOWLAND**

Sarah Ruth Bursley McNamara, Rockford

Descendant of **WILLIAM WHITE**

Ellen Selma Roseberg, Rockford

NEW SUPPLEMENTALS

These members have been approved for additional ancestors.

Deborah Ann Domain, Chicago (*John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, William Mullins*)

Craig Martin Failor, Oak Park (*John Billington*)

Judith Lynn Billington Franklin, Waukegan (*Richard Warren*)

Janice Elizabeth Hoare Keller, Carson City, NV (*Henry Samson*)

Henry Siggins Leonard, DeKalb (*William Bradford, Francis Cooke*)

Phyllis Anne Zink-Schwenk, Urbana (*Edward Fuller*)

NEW JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

Descendant of **JOHN ALDEN**

John Bernard Cantieri (sponsored by Robert John Peabody)

Descendants of **FRANCIS COOKE**

Abigail Rose Tavolino (sponsored by Peter John Reed)
Gerald Reed Tavolino (sponsored by Peter John Reed)

Descendant of **GILES HOPKINS**

Cassandra Marie Lantz (sponsored by Anthony Alan Lantz)

Descendant of **SUSANNA WHITE**

Kohen Paul Snedeker (sponsored by Michael Davis Snedeker)

Membership Applications may be obtained at the Mayflower Society website, illinoismayflower.com/membership-inquiries or from Membership Secretary, Don Sherman at membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com. Supplemental applications are \$100 for existing members who would like to prove their lineage to an additional Mayflower Passenger. Junior Associate applications are \$15 and require two photocopies of the original birth certificate (with name of father and mother's maiden name).

IN MEMORIAM *Remembering our Illinois members who have passed away recently*

Greta Elaine Brockway (*William White*)

***Susan Milo Fredrickson** (*Resolved White*)

Wendell Woods Hall (*William Brewster*)

William Elliott Jones (*Stephen Hopkins*)

Jean Evans Muir (*John Alden, John Billington, Peter Brown, Francis Eaton, Samuel Fuller, William Mullins*)

Florence Belle Smith Richards (*Edward Fuller*)

Letitia Smith Roberts (*John Alden*)

Carol Diane Sellers (*Isaac Allerton, William Brewster, Stephen Hopkins, Degory Priest, Thomas Rogers*)

Laraine Colston Shellenberger (*Stephen Hopkins*)

* Please see a remembrance of Susan on page 15

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General Board of Assistants

ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS

Grand time had by all

By Mary Morony, Recording Secretary

Every three years on the weekend after Labor Day the General Society of Mayflower Descendants holds its Congress in Plymouth. Each society can send one delegate for every 100 members to the Congress to vote on the business of the society. In the off years, two delegates from each society form the General Board of Assistants and meet in other host states to attend national committee meetings, hold training sessions and deal with immediate business concerns.

In 2018, the GBOA met in Illinois. The site committee selected Pheasant Run, a popular, iconic resort hotel in St. Charles. Thanks to the great planning and organizational skills of past governor Jane Schleinzer who serves on the General Society Board as Member-at-Large, the meeting was a huge success.

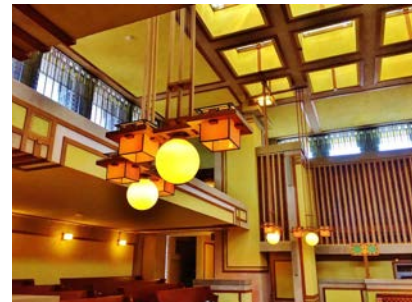
I have always enjoyed the wonderful tours offered at General Society events, and I must say Jane's selection of local tours was outstanding. Starting with the first two days, Wednesday and Thursday, delegates could board buses for downtown Chicago visits to the famous Newberry Library for genealogy research or the wonders of Michigan Avenue.

Friday's tour took visitors to Oak Park for the Unity Temple and the Frank Lloyd Wright home and office, returning home in plenty of time to rest up and change prior to the gala Illinois Society Welcome Reception featuring our own Dean Haas and the Chicago Bound Band.

The next day, while our delegates John Schellinger and Cary Stone-Greenstein were busy in the General Board of Assistants session, the rest of us toured Cantigny Park in



The Welcome Reception included entertainment by the Chicago Bound Band, led by Illinois member Dean Haas. More than 150 GSMD members attended GBOA 2018.



Showing off our wonderful architecture at Wright's Unity Temple in Oak Park and on the Chicago River.

Wheaton. Home of famous Chicagoan Col. Robert McCormick, the long-time publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*, the park includes extensive gardens and a comprehensive war museum.

The evening's banquet featured a performance of "Spoon River Anthology" by Paddy and Jon Lynn and Patti Ecker, wife of our Membership Secretary Don Sherman.

"But wait, there's more!" Early Sunday morning the group again departed for Chicago, this time to North Pier to board the Chicago River Architecture Cruise.

And for a select society, major donors to the "1620 Fund," another bus ferried the visitors south to explore "The Murder in the White City" and the site of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

Illinois members contribute to a successful GBOA

By Jane D. Schleinzer, GSMD Member-at-Large and Former Illinois Governor

What a year 2018 was for the Illinois Society. We held a party and people came from all around the world! For those of you that weren't able to attend, let me tell you a little bit about it.

Many hard-working people were involved with planning this party. First, Cary Stone-Greenstein made arrangements for two tours of the Newberry Library. She also rode the bus and made sure everyone received a lunch and didn't miss the bus back to the hotel.

Sue Erlick worked on a tour to Frank Lloyd Wright's studio and the Unity Temple in Oak Park. Mary Gardner was the bus monitor for this tour.

Jessica Schleinzer made the arrangements for a tour of Cantigny Park, the home of the McCormick House and the 1st Division Museum in Wheaton.

Now what would a visit to Chicagoland be without going to a good pizza place? After Cantigny the group went to Pal Joey's for a pizza lunch. Jessica was also the bus monitor for this tour. You'll have to ask the ladies if being a bus monitor was like herding cats.

Jessica Schleinzer was also in charge of setting up registration before the GBOA. Supplies needed to be ordered and packets had to be stuffed. A wonderful group of members worked at the registration table, including Eva Blanco, Marge Piersen and Deborah Domain. Deborah also helped sell GSMD products at the Insignia Table on Saturday.

The Illinois GBOA had some firsts. Fascinator Friday featured members wearing their fascinators to lunch. The men weren't to be out done – they donned fabulous hats of their own. I think the hit of the lunch was a fascinator of the Mayflower on the open waters.

This was the first year for the Mayflower Guard. Going forward the Color Guard will be the Mayflower Guard. These are members that dress as the Military would have been dressed in the 1620's. It was quite a sight having them present the colors to start the meeting.

Last but not least, the Mayflower Guides made their



Jane Schleinzer expresses appreciation to many members of the Illinois Society, including her daughter, Jessica Schleinzer.

debut. Mayflower Guides are Junior members who helped direct people to meetings, pass out handouts, etc. Nelson and Susan Lair brought their grandchildren Anna, Clair, Matthew, and Lizzy Hyde. Many thanks go to Nelson and Susan and their grandchildren for taking the time to help during the GBOA.

We are lucky to have many talented members in our Society. Dean Haas is a drummer in a blues band. He and Kathy brought the band Chicago Bound to perform at the Friday night cocktail party. Near the end of the night most of the attendees were in a conga line. Needless to say, Dean's band was a big hit.

The Saturday night banquet brought Patti Ecker and her group performing "Spoon River Anthology." Patti's roadie happens to be our Membership Secretary Don Sherman. He did a wonderful job setting up all of the group's equipment. Even my husband helped with the GBOA. Not only did he stuff the registration packets, he surprised me with a metal sign of the logo (shown here) which was on display at the registration table.



I only have a few more people to thank. I must include the members of the Illinois Board of Assistants – they are a great bunch of people. This meeting would not have happened without their support.

Finally, I have to thank our Governor John Schellinger. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate his support. He brought our relics to the cocktail party and was the perfect host during the weekend.

The Illinois GBOA would not have been a success without these people. My heart-felt thanks goes out to each and every one of them.

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Society Officers

and BOARD OF ASSISTANTS



2018-2019 Board of Assistants who attended the Fall Luncheon: *Front (from left):* Judy Mayo, Jane Schleinzer, Governor John Schellinger, Jessica Schleinzer, Don Sherman. *Back:* Cary Stone-Greenstein, Eva Blanco, Mary Morony, John Kemp, Jan Harrington, Les Lipschutz, Mary Gardner, Ann Wilkerson, Arielle Dachman, Karen Seda.

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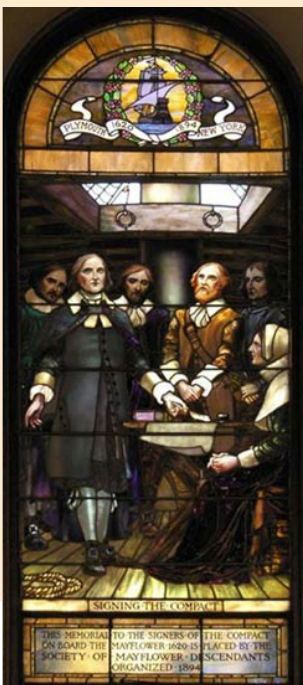
Celebrations for 2020 set sail soon

The year 2020 marks the 400th Anniversary of the founding of Plymouth Colony. Many events are planned to commemorate this special occasion. If you have never visited Plymouth, this is the perfect opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors. Here is a sampling.

- **Thanksgiving Week 2019.** America's hometown parade steps off the Saturday before Thanksgiving.
- **April 24, 2020: Plymouth 400 Commemoration Opening Ceremony.** A cross-cultural spectacle of historical content, visual and performing arts, guest speakers and more.
- **June 27-28: Maritime Salute to the 400th in Plymouth Harbor.** Mayflower II will be a centerpiece of this event.
- **Aug. 15: The Wampanoag Ancestors Walk.** Led by members of Wampanoag tribes through downtown Plymouth.
- **Sept. 7-14: Mayflower II Visits Provincetown.** Daily reenactments of the signing of the *Mayflower Compact*. Details at provincetown400.com/2020-events
- **Sept. 12-19: 2020 Mayflower Congress.** A finalized schedule and registration information will be available online in early March 2019, to coordinate with the timing of hotel and bed & breakfast room block releases.
- **Sept. 14: The Official State House Salute to the 400th Commemoration.** The governor and other dignitaries will speak at the Massachusetts State House in Boston.



- **Sept. 19 & 20: The Embarkation Festival.** This grand two-day cultural and arts festival will be held in Plymouth.
- **Thanksgiving Week 2020.** Celebrations include concerts, parade, "One Small Candle" Ceremony and the spectacle of Plymouth 400's Illuminate Thanksgiving on Nov. 25. Details at plymouth400inc.org
- **MAYFLOWER 400 COMMEMORATIONS IN ENGLAND.** Don't forget Plymouth, UK, where the Mayflower set sail in Sept. 1620. Many festivals, tours and events will be held throughout the UK beginning with an illuminate festival in Nov. 2019. The Mayflower400uk.org website is an excellent resource for visiting destinations in England and Holland relevant to our ancestors.



GSMD acquires the Meetinghouse

The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse in the center of Plymouth stands as a symbol of the birthplace of religious and civic freedom in America. In taking ownership of it in 2019, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants will restore it, create interactive educational programming, and open it to the public.

In December 2018, The GSMD accepted the donation of the Meetinghouse from the First Parish Plymouth, a Unitarian Universalist Church, which will continue its legacy of holding worship services open to all.

The Meetinghouse was conceived as a memorial to the Pilgrims and built in 1897 on the site where Pilgrims gathered their first church nearly 400 years ago. It is adorned with stained-glass windows depicting the arrival of the Pilgrims in the New World, including the signing of the *Mayflower Compact* (shown at left).

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the Meetinghouse Fund. Restoration and ongoing maintenance will continue to require support. For more information, go to the Mayflower Society website.

For news from Plymouth & the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, visit the website: www.themayflowersociety.org

BOOK & BLOG *Reviews*

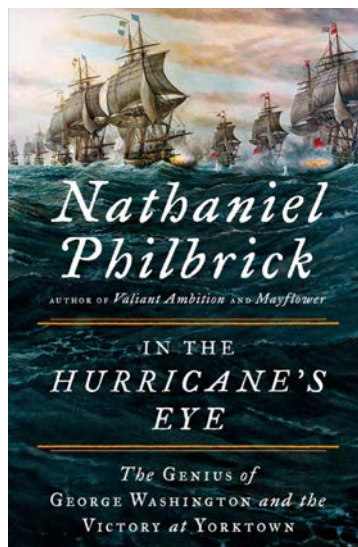
Engaging account of Battle of Yorktown

By Mary Morony, *Recording Secretary*

Known to most of us as the author of “*Mayflower*,” Nathaniel Philbrick has also written extensively about the American Revolution. Following up on “*Bunker Hill*” (the start of it all) and “*Valiant Ambition*” (the tragic story of George Washington’s relationship with Benedict Arnold), in this most recent book, “*In the Hurricane’s Eye*,” we learn the real story of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Also, in *Hurricane’s Eye*, we hear more about the cast of characters we met in the earlier books: Washington’s rise from the desperate son trying to escape from a controlling mother, his relationships with his proteges Alexander Hamilton and the Marquis de Lafayette, and how the father of our country used steely self-control to manage his dealings with the aristocratic French Army and Navy officers who could pretty much do whatever they pleased in pursuit of the British, including, at times, nothing at all. And in a starring role was the hurricane.

While Washington’s army was chasing and being chased around the Carolinas, vital strategic events were unfolding on the sea. Not only the British but the French and the Spaniards had much more pressing economic priorities beyond North America. The Caribbean was the prize, so that was where the Europeans concentrated their fighting forces until the fall of 1780 when a storm season like the devastating hurricanes of 2017 and 2018 sent those powerful naval fleets north to the relative safety of our Eastern Seaboard. The result was a series of truly epic



sea battles with some impressive heroics and almost comic fiascos ending with a French blockade that caught poor Lord Cornwallis in a trap in the Chesapeake, cut off from supplies and relief by a state-of-the-art siege starring the French artillery.

Along the way we catch up with the traitorous Benedict Arnold, now a general in the British army and an iconic focus of the hatred of his former countrymen, and the heroic Americans Nathaniel Greene and Henry Knox. Less well known are Spaniards Bernardo Galvez (later founder of Galveston), who liberated West Florida from the British, and Francisco Saavedra, an unsung hero who saved the day negotiating a last-minute loan from the Cubans to pay the French military and provided Spain’s help with ships as well his own outstanding organizational ability.

Then, too, there was Robert Morris, who was able to procure some actual hard money to pay the Continental Army troops. And when the dust settled, when victory was his, Washington fully understood the secret to the defense of his country, “No land force can act decisively unless accompanied by a maritime superiority. Without a decisive naval force, we can do nothing definitive, and, with it, everything honorable and glorious.”

Quoting a reviewer from *HistoryNet*: “*In the Hurricane’s Eye* is a thoroughly enjoyable account of the moment that allowed the United States to morph from rebellious territory into an independent nation. It is another Philbrick masterpiece that will engage and entertain readers for generations.”



The Junto club revived online

In 1727, Benjamin Franklin created a club called the Junto. The enterprising group of tradesmen and artisans shared their thoughts and knowledge on a variety of topics, including philosophy, politics, issues of the day and self-improvement.

Ben would be pleased to know that the Junto lives on as a group blog on early American history. Graduate students, junior faculty and other historians hold in-depth discussions and forums on relevant historical and academic topics. Go to earlyamericanists.com.

One post on Colonial Couture by Kimberly Alexander shares her quest to locate textile fragments that once belonged to Priscilla Mullins Alden. She describes in detail the significance of the small items found in museums and historic homes and hopes to create a ‘dress diary’ that will add a voice to Priscilla.

The site also includes links to interesting Podcasts, such as “*Print Culture in Early America*.”

– Jan Harrington

A REMEMBRANCE: *Susan Fredrickson*

It is with great sadness that we share the news that our Mayflower Cousin, Susan Fredrickson of Hinsdale, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly on November 20, 2018, at the age of 71. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

Her Mayflower Ancestor was William White. Susan was a friend of mine, whom I met when we were both rather new to the Illinois Mayflower Society a few years ago. As I think of her, I remember her friendly, enthusiastic smile and her welcome hugs, given each time I would see her at Illinois Mayflower Society luncheons with her husband, Jack.

The Mayflower Society brings together those of us with familiar ancestors, but what we take away from the group is so much more. Susan was very active in lineage societies, and she and I shared membership in more than one. As I attend meetings now without her there, I feel the loss of her presence.

When I was the *Illinois Mayflower*



News Editor, Susan always complimented me on the pictures I took of her for the table photos section of the publication. I include one of her favorites here in her memory.

Susan, I thank you for your smile and warm welcome at Illinois Mayflower Society events over the years. We are all remembering you fondly.

May you rest in peace – Karen Seda

Membership Directory

All members should have been contacted regarding the new Membership Directory. A limited number of directories are being printed and will be mailed to those who requested a print version. The email version will be sent soon to all those who prefer a digital version. If you have questions, please contact Membership Secretary **Don Sherman** at membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com

Please make sure we have your current information. If you have moved, changed your name, address, phone or email, let us know. Also, we are always saddened to hear of a member's passing, but if you have information regarding a death, please contact us. Send information to Corresponding Secretary **Mary Gardner** at megardner@earthlink.net.



On June 10, 1897, the charter of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois was granted by the Secretary of State in Springfield, Illinois. It became the first state society of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, founded in January, 1897. The first meeting was held on June 14, 1897, (Flag Day) at the Auditorium Hotel to adopt a constitution, bylaws, and elect officers.

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WINTER 2019

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Please contact Jan Harrington with items for future issues of this newsletter.

Tell us YOUR Mayflower story and how you came to be a member, anecdotes about your ancestors or stories of historic items passed down in your family.

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PLEASE NOTE: April 1, 2019 is the
deadline for SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

For information go to our website/scholarship

Help us spread the news

2020 is just around the corner. You will receive only two newsletters before we start commemorating the 400th anniversary of our ancestors setting sail on the Mayflower, to begin their lives in a new land.

One of the many ways we'll be commemorating the anniversary is by writing articles about the history of the Mayflower Pilgrims and submitting them to local newspapers.

This is where I need your help. I have addresses for about 100 newspapers, mostly in northern Illinois. Would you please send me the mailing addresses of the newspapers in your area? I'd like to be able to send the history of our ancestors to all of the newspapers in Illinois.

Please email addresses to me at jsantiques@aol.com

Thank you – Jane D. Schleinzer

• **Saturday, May 18, 2019**

SPRING LUNCHEON

Union League Club of Chicago

Guest speaker – George Garmany

Invitations will be mailed in April.

• **September 21 - 23, 2019**

ILLINOIS HERITAGE WEEKEND

East Peoria, Illinois

Learn about other Lineage Societies
in Illinois.

• **Saturday, November 23, 2019**

FALL LUNCHEON & ANNUAL MEETING

The Glen Club, Glenview

New member welcome ceremony, ancestor photo
session and a living history performance.

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